Subject: Mayor's Volunteer Corps: Everyone In!

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Dear Mayor's Volunteer Corps,

This month, we celebrated two initiatives that are helping to end homelessness -- the **EVERYONE IN** campaign and the new **Homeless Help Desk**. Through EVERYONE IN, we will count on volunteers like you to help us educate and shift perceptions of homelessness as we work to build more housing and deliver services to our sisters and brothers in need so every Angeleno has a place to call home.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped launch the Homeless Help Desk which has provided homeless Angelenos with valuable information about available services so that they may begin their transition into supportive housing.

I encourage you to sign up and learn more about other upcoming volunteer opportunities featured below, including ways to honor César Chávez through service.

Enjoy the LA Marathon Without Breaking a Sweat

You can still be a part of one of the largest running events in the country by volunteering this weekend at the <u>Skechers Performance Los Angeles</u> <u>Marathon</u>. You'll meet great people and provide much-needed support to thousands of runners. Sign up and get more information <u>here</u>. **SUNDAY**, **MARCH 18**.

Volunteer in Honor of César Chávez with the L.A. Kitchen

"If you really want to make a friend, go to someone's house and eat with him... the people who give you their food give you their heart" -- César Chávez

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The L.A. Kitchen invites you to give your hearts to the LA community by helping to prepare healthy meals for Angelenos in need. To commemorate César's dedication to farmworker justice, his grandson, Andrés Chávez, will open the service day by addressing volunteers before service projects begin. Volunteers will work with a variety of L.A. Kitchen chefs and staff to create nutritious meals and snacks that are donated to partner agencies that serve Los Angeles' aging and homeless populations. Volunteers can participate in activities ranging from preparing reclaimed fruits and veggies to making dressings, sauces and more. Sign up here. Age limit: 12 years and up. SATURDAY, MARCH 31.

Join L.A. Regional Food Bank's César Chávez Day of Service

Volunteers are needed at the <u>Los Angeles Regional Food Bank</u> to help assemble food packages for over 26,000 low income seniors, women with infants, and children in Los Angeles County. One in seven people face food insecurity in L.A. The food packages consist of items such as canned fruit, canned vegetables, rice, cereal and other non-perishable goods. Sign up to volunteer here. **SATURDAY, MARCH 31.**

To End Homelessness - Everyone In!

You're invited to the first-ever public activation for **EVERYONE IN**, United Way Greater Los Angeles' new movement to end homelessness. **EVERYONE IN** | **South L.A**. is a family-friendly, community pop-up event with a **45-minute immersive experience** and filled with **powerful stories**. Participants will leave ready to take action as they meet caseworkers and formerly homeless individuals who have risen through adversity with the help of their community. Guests will also enjoy the EVERYONE IN Marketplace where there will be **hands-on volunteering opportunities**, a virtual reality experience, the chance to meet local nonprofit partners, a children's zone, a photo booth, and much more. Sign up **here** to participate in this unique experience to see how supportive housing changes people's lives for the better. **SUNDAY, APRIL 15.**

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On March 7, we celebrated the grand opening of the City's first Homeless Help Desk — a permanent, welcoming space where Angelenos experiencing homelessness can access information on nearby shelters, hygiene stations, free meals, and medical assistance. The Homeless Help Desk is staffed by members of the Mayor's Volunteer Corps and participants in the Older Workers Employment Program — some of whom are themselves formerly homeless. To volunteer, sign up here.

If you have ideas about how we can best support volunteerism in Los Angeles, please contact us at mayor.volunteer@lacity.org. We welcome your ideas and feedback!

Eric Garcetti Your Mayor

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